

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s)	:	Hubbell, et al.
App. No.	:	10/761,180
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For	:	Gels For Encapsulation Of Biological Materials
Examiner	:	Berman, Susan W.
Group Art Unit	:	1711

RESPONSE CONCERNING DISAPPROVAL OF S-SIGNATURE ON TERMINAL DISCLAIMER

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The Applicants kindly request reconsideration of disapproval of S-signature on Terminal Disclaimer filed on August 8, 2006. The S-signature appears to meet the requirements for a proper S-signature as outlined in 37 CFR 1.4(d)(2)(i) and 37 CFR 1.4(d)(2)(ii), and shown by examples in an USPTO document printed October 27, 2004 (attached). Example 4 on page 2 of the USPTO document shows text within slashes (/) that is different from the practitioner's name, and with the practitioner's name and registration number below.

In view of Applicants' foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. No fees are believed due with the filing of this response; however, please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to credit card information on record.

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Should the Examiner have any remaining concerns which might prevent the prompt allowance of the application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number appearing below.

Date: August 17, 2006

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